ADMITS PERJURY AT BECKER TRIAL

Negro Now Says He Did Not See Officer With Gunmen.

MAN WAS THREATENED, SAYS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

New York Official Also Declares Money Was Offered to Gain Denial.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 13 .-John R. Johnston, a New York lawyer said here tonight that James Marshall the negro who was a witness in the case of Charles Becker, under sentence death for the murder of Herman tatement tonight in the form of ar lsely at the second trial of Becker.

Marshall was arrested here last night n a minor charge and was released today. His wife is alleged to have made a remark in the presence of a news paper man that Marshall had been an important witness in the Becker case.

Alleged False Testimony.

When seen later in the day, according to Mr. Johnston, Marshall said he had sworn falsely in the Becker case. Marshall is said to have testified in the case that he saw Becker talking to "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Webber and "Sam" Schepps. In the affidavit signed by Marshall tonight, Mr. John-ston said, Marshall declares he did not ow Rose, Webber or Schepps. Vhen asked whether he attached any

When asked whether he attached any significance to Marshall's alleged statements, Mr. Johnson said he regarded them as "important."
Mr. Johnson hurried to Philadelphia late this afternoon at the request of Becker's chief counsel, who had been informed of Marshall's alleged statement. Marshall is not under arrest.

District Attorney's Statement.

NEW YORK, February 13 .- District Charles A. Perkins declare n a statement tonight that the testigiven by James Marshall at the of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker was secured from Marshall, substantially as he afterward gave it on the witness stand, in the form of an affidavit within ten minutes after was brought into the district attorney's office upon his arrival in this city before the trial

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Mr. Perkins went into various points in the affidavit alleged to have been made by Marshall in Philadelphia.

"The statement made by Marshall is absolutely false," declared Mr. Perkins, "in so far as it says that he was requested to give his estimony. He was never requested by an assistant district attorney to do so. When he reached here he was taken to the district attorney's office and questioned about what he knew of the Becker case. In ten minutes he had made a statement which was reduced to the form of an affidavit, substantially identical with the testimony he gave at the trial.

Money Offered, Is Charge.

Ever since last August we have known directly from him that he was eing offered money to make and sign statement to the effect that the tes mony given by him at the trial was We also know from him that he was being threatened and was in constant fear of bodily harm, unless he would make a retraction. He was told that such retraction would not hurt him; that there was money in it and that he would get hurt if he didn't

Mr. Perkins said that Monday the papers in the Becker appeal probably would be filed in the district attorney's office for the argument which will take the court of appeals in Albany. He did not deny that the affidavit said to have seen made by Marshall in Philadelphia been made by Marshall in Philadelphia might be brought forward as ground tor a motion for a new trial, but he thought it probable in such an event the court of appeals hearing the mo-tion would demand the presence of Marshall himself to corroborate the affidavit.

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Tomorrow, 8 p.m.—Meeting of the good dinner at the Ebbitt House in honor of the bride-to-be last night. Trousseau, with the dependent consideration of lingerie, traveling gown, wedding costume and adjunct toilets, las a topic of tremendous moment, displaced poetic mysteries of composition.

Those present, besides the bride-elect, were: Mrs. A. L. Dembitz, Miss Hilda B. Stein, Miss Mattie Rosenberg, Miss N. Y.

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were: Mrs. A. L. Dembitz, Miss Hilda B. Stein, Miss Mattie Rosenberg, Miss Julia Levy, Miss Liza Hoexter, Miss Hila Schoenthai, Mrs. Charles Flesher and Miss Hattle Stein.

49,000 TURKISH PRISONERS SENT NORTH INTO RUSSIA

LONDON, February 13, 9:32 p.m.-Forty-nine thousand Turkish prisoners, including 527 officers, have passed through Pyatigorsk, in the territory of Terek, Ciscaucasia, en route to the interior since the war with Turkey began, according to the Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Com-

The same dispatch says that George I. Marye, ambassador from the United States to Russia, today formally communicated to the Russian foreign office the German declaration of intention to blockade the British Isles.

MAJ. FRANCE TO COMMAND

GERMAN FORCES IN AFRICA BERLIN, February 13, by wireless to sayville, L. I.—Maj. France, a noted military leader during the Hottentot GET JURY IN MINERS' CASE.

So-Called Laveta Murder to

Tried at Pueblo, Col. PUEBLO, Col., February 18.—After more than a month's delay a jury was obtained today for the trial of the socalled Laveta murder case, in which ight miners are charged with the mur der of three mine guards and a chauffeur in the recent coal miners' strike The trial began January 4.

The killing occurred near Laveta, Col., November 8, 1913. The victims were on their way from Laveta to the Oakdale mine, when, according to the charges made by the state, they were fired upon by strikers.

NEWARK IS SELECTED FOR INVASION BY FEDS

Independents Also May Place Team in Bronx-Have Option on Grounds.

NEW YORK, February 13 .- Patrick Powers and Harry Sinclair, owners of the floating Kansas City Federal League franchise, have definitely decided to locate their club in Newark, I was declared tonight by a man promi nent in Federal League counsels.

ecessarily mean that New York will not be invaded by the Federals this It was declared on apparently good authority that another Federal League franchise also will be shifte within the next ten days, and that its destination was likely to be upper Manhattan or the Bronx, in New York city,

Have Option on Grounds.

It also became known today that the Federal League holds an option on the grounds at Kingsbridge, where Frank Farrell had intended to build his park for the New York Americans. William Devery, another former owner of the local Americans, still holds this property. Col. Jacob Ruppert, jr., one of the new owners of the Yankees, held a first option on it, while the Federal League held a second option. It is said that Ruppert has permitted his option to expire, not regarding the property as favorable to the purpose, and that the Federals consequently seem held a first ontion. Federal League holds an option on the dent, the new owners of the Yankees, held a first option on it, while the Federal League held a second option. It is said that Ruppert has permitted his option to expire, not regarding the property as favorable to the purpose, and that the Federals consequently now hold a first option.

OTTO H. KAHN DONATES HOME FOR BLIND SOLDIERS

Otto H. Kahn, the American banker has placed at the disposal of a com mittee appointed to care for and educate soldiers and sailors who have beer made blind in the war his London residence. St. Dunstan's Lodge, Regent's Park, which has fourteen acres of

The committee, which is under the chairmanship of C. Arthur Pearson, honorary treasurer of the National Institute for the Blind, who himself is blind, has raised a fund "to teach the blind to be blind." The men are being taught to read and write and are being instructed in typewriting, farming and other useful occupations, besides learning sports and games.

POINCARE SIGNS BONDS FOR ONE BILLION FRANCS

ient Poincare today signed a decrefrance (\$200,000,000) national defense onds, bearing 5 per cent interest at government reserves the privilege of edeeming the bonds after 1920. The bonds are exempt from income and other taxes. They are to be admitted to the official bourse quotations and are to be issued February 25 in sums of from 100 francs (\$20) up.

MYSTERY PARTLY SOLVED.

Secret Service Head Finds Silk Fiber

Paper Stolen From Treasury.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Basket ball game with Syracuse University at Syracuse,

with Syracuse University at Syracuse, N. Y.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m.—Sigma Chi bowls Phi Sigma Kappa and Kappa Alpha meets Sigma Phi Epsilon in Interfraternity League games; 8 p.m. basket ball game with Franklin and Marshall University at Lancaster, Pa.

Friday, 8 p.m.—Annual banquet of the Chemical Society at Hotel Continental; 8 p.m., University Orchestra meets in assembly hall; 8 p.m., basket ball game with Seton Hall at South Orange, N. J.

Saturday, 8 p.m.—Basket ball game with Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Walling to Talk on War.

Remedies." is to be the subject of an address by William English Walling caped. A posse overtook them as they of New York at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Public Library, under auspices of the newly organized Washington alumni chapter of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society.

Prohibition Advocates Win.

SALEM, Oreg., February 13 .- The first test in the Oregon state senate on the prohibition bill passed by the rebellion, has been appointed commander of the colonial troops in German Southwest Africa, according to
the Overseas News Agency.

nouse came today. The result was a
victory for the advocates of a strict
law. The minority report of the committee on alcoholic traffic, opposing important amendments to the house bill,
was adopted by a vota of the contraction. house came today. The result was a

Solicitor General Davis Af firms Solidarity of People of United States.

ADDRESS AT BANQUET OF WEST VIRGINIANS

Pays Tribute to President Wilson's Courage and Achievements-Other Speakers and Themes.

That the people of the United States will stand together against the world if rouble should come was asserted by olicitor General John W. Davis of West Virginia in an address at the first annual banquet of the West Virginia Soelety of Washington at the Hotel Pownatan last evening. Mr. Davis made his declaration referring to the statement made in the press that Count von Reventlow, the German writer, had said: whether the people of the United States yould do the same (stand behind their government, as in Germany) under the

ame circumstances. "When he said we would present no such appearance of solidarity, my friends, he spoke without knowledge of the American people," declared the speaker. "Democrats or republicans, we stand for America against the world, and for the President of the United States so long as he fills that office."

He paid high tribute to the Presi-

Representative Howard Sutherland nade a plea for greater facilities for ducation for the youth of West Virthe state. He alluded to the fact that West Virginia is a prohibition state and that its youth are to drink only the pure waters of the state."

Representative James A, Hughes in his toast to "Her fair daughters and how they bless us," declared that "This is a woman's era."

"She no longer ministers to our comfort and enjoyment to the exclusion of the larger things of life," he said. "She is taking an active interest in public the larger things of life," he said. "She is taking an active interest in public affairs. She has done much for the uplife of humanity, and as the years roll on she will do more and more, and the fair daughters of West Virginia will be found doing their share of the noble work of making the world a better place to live in.

Senator W. E. Chilton presided. A letter of regret was read from former Senator Henry G. Davis, who was unable to be present. Other speakers were Representative M. M. Neely, Representative H. H. Moss, Mrs. W. G. Brown, wife of Representative Brown, who was known on the stage as Izetta Jewell, and Miss Leonora M. De Grange.

List of the Guests.

The guests included Thomas Alder George W. Atkinson, Louis W. Atkinson, Representative S. B. Avis, Henry A. Baker, Henry S. Baker, Miss Jose times, and payable at par in 1925. The phine Baker, Lester W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bateman, D. W. Beach, B. H. Booher, Mrs. M. C. Bovey, Miss W. G. Brown, William E. Braithawaite, F. D. Byington, Miss Helen L.
Byrne, Dr. and Mrs. Rolla Camden,
Senator and Mrs. W. E. Chilton, L. A.
Cochran, Miss Helen Crennan, Henry
G. Davis, Solicitor General John W.
Davis, Col. and Mrs. J. William
De Grange, Miss Lenora M. De Grange,
Raymond B. Dickey, Dr. W. E. Dieffenderfer, Henry F. Dolan, Henry C. Duncan, Theodore A. Eversole, Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming, A. S. Fleming, Miss Elizabeth Frye, Mr. and Mrs.
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Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO. February 13.—The mystery of the disappearance of 1,000 sheets of slik fiber paper from the office of the Treasury Department in Washington more than three years ago was solved partly today by William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service. The paper which is used for making money, was recovered by Chief Flynn in Toledo, Ohio, Friday and brought to Chicago.

Ever since it was stolen three years ago, the operatives have been on a different committee in charge of the arrangements.

Redwind GIVES WAY.

Bride-to-Be, Miss Herman, Holds Attention of Literary Club.

Because Miss Florence Herman, a Browning disciple, is engaged to wed Sidney West, the Browning Club gave

The board of governors of the so-ety is composed of D. W. Gall, C. M.

BANDITS HOLD UP BANK; **RUNNING FIGHT FOLLOWS**

One North Dakota Robber Captured. Texas Bank Also Looted.

WILLISTON, N. D., February 13 .- Entering the Medicine Lake State Bank at Medicine Lake, Mont., today, two "War-Its Economic Causes and youthful bandits forced the cashier to were riding toward the North Dakota

> Texas Bank Is Robbed. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., February 13 .-

Three unmasked men robbed the Mer chants and Mechanics' Bank of about \$1,100 shortly before noon today and CHINA REPLIES TO JAPAN.

Believed She Agrees to Discuss But Twelve of Twenty-One Demands. PEKING, China, February 13.—The Chinese government yesterday delivered to the Japanese legation at Peking a written reply to the demands recently ade by Japan on China.

The contents of the Chinese answer have not been divulged. It is the genera telief in Peking, however, that the reply reiterates China's willingness to discuss only twelve of the twenty-one demands contained in the Japanese note.

RAILROAD SHIPS MAY PASS THROUGH CANAL

Interstate Commerce Commission Ruling So Interpreted by Southern Pacific Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 13 .- As inderstood at the offices of the Souther Pacific Company here today, the interpretation of the Panama canal act given by the interstate commerce com dission permits vessels of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to operate through the canal between Mazatlan Mex., and points on the Atlantic sea board.

In its petition for a ruling, the com-pany laid stress on this point because it has terminal connections by rall with Mazatlan, and plans, now held in abeyance until the return of peace and stability in Mexico, contemplated im-portant development of the company's Mexican system.

Decision Hoped For.

Beyond the brief statement that the decision was what the Southern Pacific had hoped for and expected, President Sproule had nothing to say for publica-

At the offices of the Pacific Mall Steamship Company, which is owned by the Southern Pacific Company, it was explained that two Pacific Mall lines are operated. One route is via lines are operated. One route is via Honolulu, Yokohama and Manila o Hongkong and Shanghai. The other is between San Francisco and ports in western Mexico and the west coast of Central America.

Central America.

Before passage of the Panama canal act it was planned to inaugurate a service from San Francisco to New York. Contracts for new vessels to be placed on that run had to be abandoned. The Pacific Mail never has operated vessels through the canal.

SUGGESTION OF PLAN FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

Robert J. Thompson Recommends U. S. Commission to Confer With Warring Powers.

CHICAGO, Ill., February 13 .- In a 'open letter" addressed to Mr. Bryan Secretary of State, Robert Thompson of Chicago, recently Ameri can consul at Aix la Chapelle, Ger many, explains that he resigned from his post last month "purposely to be from official restrictions in re free porting facts of the European was

"The chief question now for the United States is what we can do to prepare ourselves for, and to aid in, bringing about peace—a peace that cannot again be easily disturbed.

Proposes a Commission. at once formed by Congress to be com Lucy Brown, Representative and Mrs. others who shall be authorized to con discontinue certain investigations which he had begun, more particularly in re-spect to reported acts of cruelty and reprisal, credited to Belgians, Germans and French, upon the scene of war.

BODIES BURNED TO CRISP.

George Knox and His Cook Found

ARTISTS TO GATHER.

To Discuss Providing a Home Tuesday Evening.

The Washington Society of Artists has issued invitations for an informa gathering Tuesday evening at 1005 H street northwest, at which Miss Mary A. Cryder will speak on the subject of a "Washington Home for All the Arts," Mrs. Nina Allender will read a paper on the "New Movement in Art," written by Morton Schamberg and pre-Academy, Mr. George Julien Zolnay perience and there will be musica numbers by Miss Grace Cramer, so-prano; Miss Ann Tuohy, contralto Haron Sokolove, violinist, and John R Monroe, pianist.

ORPHANS TO BE CARED FOR.

Cardinal Gasparri Will Look After Italian Quake Victims.

ROME, February 13 .- Pope Benedic today addressed a letter to Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, papal secretary of state, intrusting him without limit to supervise the work of rescuing and caring for the children made orphans by the earthquake.

All such orphans, without discrimina-tion, are to be given homes and are to be reared and educated and records are to be secured showing their parent-

Norwegian Society Plans Banquet. stand in a stolen automobile.

They entered the bank when President L. B. Randall was alone, locked him in a closet and rified the cashier's till. The bank is in the middle of the May 17, the national holiday of Norway. President Martin Solem presided. The Norwegian Society held a brief

Speaker Proposes Limiting Military Power of Nations on Percentage Basis.

WOULD HAVE PRESIDENT ACT AFTER THE WAR

Broaches Project at Banquet of Missouri Society-Other Noted Speakers Heard.

Congressional action directing the President of the United States to propose to the nations of the world disarmament by percentage was propose by Speaker Clark in the course of ar address delivered by the Speaker las night at the fifth annual banquet of the Missouri Society of Washington D. C., at Rauscher's.

After other speakers had praised Missouri from the days she was born into statehood and had eulogized her sons past and present, Champ Clark was introduced by Assistant Postmaster Gen eral A. M. Dockery, a former governor of the state. The Speaker reviewe the political history of the state, said a few good words about Iowa, repre sented at the banquet by Representative Prouty, also eulogized a few of Missouri's political lights, and finally the hope that the present European war would soon be ended.

war would soon be ended.

"After the war is over," he said, "I am in favor not only of requesting but directing the President of the United States to propose to all the nations of the world disarmament by percentage. You cannot expect one nation to start the disarmament without some assurance that others will follow. I think this nation owes it to the world to start the work of disarmament for this reason: It is the strongest and richest nation on the face of the earth, and the geography is such that she is practically immune from attack from any nation."

Compares Old and New Guns. Former Senator Francis Marian Cock rors of the present European war compared the war machines used now with the guns of the 60's, and exnent would be the result of the over

ment would be the result of the oversea conflict.

Representative S. F. Prouty of lowadeplored the inability of the American people to think quickly. He declared his experience with the efforts of legislative bodies to pass new laws had indicated to him that the people do not think. It takes the American people to correct the them to the service of the department in action. One of the store fire.

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SHREVEPORT, La., February 13.—
Burned to a crisp the bodies of George Knox, white, and Lila Hall, his aged negro cook, were found today in the ruins of a house on the bank of Twelve-Mile bayou, four miles north of this city. W. D. Jeffrey, a white man, who resides nearby, has been placed under arrest, charged with killing them and setting fire to the house.

According to Jeffrey's story he heard shots at the Knox place last night, and afterward saw the house burning, but did not go to the scene for fear he would also be attacked.

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CABINET MEMBERS TO SPEAK.

Plans Under Way for Annual Dinner of Southern Society.

Five members of the cabinet - the and Treasury-are announced to speak at the annual dinner of the Southern Society, to be held February 27 at the New Willard Hotel. In addition the toast list includes the names of Speaker Clark, Col. John Temple Graves, Senator Lewis, Assistant Secretary o War Breckinridge, Representative Claude Kitchin and Representative

President Claude N. Bennett an nounced the membership of the ban-quet committee, as follows: Col. Neylo Colquitt, chairman; Mrs. Samuel Spen-Colquitt, chairman; Mrs. Samuel Spen-cer, Henry S. Breckinridge, assistant secretary of war; Mrs. Harry Cary, Representative Charles M. Galloway, Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, Robert T. Scott, Mrs. John Franklin Little and Senator James Hamilton Lewis.

government printing office. Practically all the states are represented in the capital by similar organizations, and it is desired to place the blue grass monwealth on the list. commonwealth on the list.

There are many former Kentuckians who are now residents of the District, and it is expected that a club can be formed with a large initial membership. Mr. Goodkey requests those who are willing to assist in the formation of the society to send their names to him in care of post office box 2402.

SAIL WITH COTTON CARGOES.

Two Vessels Leave Galveston for Bremen With 10,000 Bales. GALVESTON, Tex., February 13 .- Th

teamer Oliver J. Olsen sailed from here oday for Bremen, via Hampton roads, with a cargo of 4,000 bales of cotton The steamer Leelenaw, recently pur- Dr. Rowe of University of hased by a local firm, cleared today for Bremen with 6,000 bales. She is ex-

pected to sail tomorro Cotton receipts here for the season to date are 2.943.088 bales. This is 2,523 less than receipts for the same period last year.

FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

H. J. Councilor Delivers Illustrated Talk Before the Home Club

Advocacy of the "two platoon" sys em for the Washington fire depart providing for one shift of ten hours an H. J. Councilor of the religious departtrated lecture before the Home Club, 14 Jackson place northwest, last night The lecture, which was illustrated with bout six dozen slides and three reels of fit of the Firemen's Association

Mr. Councilor declared that increasing the city fire force by fifty-two men would make the two platoon system possible and thereby do away with the present condition whereby the wife of a fireman is "a widow four-fifths of the time," the fireman getting but one day in five

Increase in Force Urgent, The speaker laid particular stress upon

he increase of force, declaring it to be one thing above all others of which the firemen's home life is anything but home life, he contended, and he said there there are a larger proportion of broken homes in the service than in any other occupation, in proportion. While the speaker brought out the need of a more adequate pension law for local firemen, and heartily advocated free rides on street cars for the men of the service while in uniform, in his opinion the increase in force seems to be the most urgent need of the department.

The speaker compared the old days of the American continent will be interpreted as unfriendly to any speaker compared the old days he fire department, when there was but one engine in the old engine house at 19th and H streets, with the system of the streets, with the system oday. The moving pictures, which were specially appreciated by the large gathering of members of the Interior Deartment club in attendance, showed lews of the department in action. One

have been drowned, has been frequent-Creek road the night of December 24. apparently on his way home, his parents living a short distance from what is known as Hunting Creek bridge. of sailors from the American steamer The theory advanced by many is that he fell into the creek, which was frozen at the time. A hole in the ice, found the day afterward, strengthened the belief at the time that his body rested beneath its frozen surface. Now rested beneath its frozen surface. Now that the river is free of ice and the creek has been thoroughly dragged many are inclined to believe that Johnson was not drowned, as first suspected. Just what has become of him is apparently as much of a mystery today as it was since search was first instituted for him.

Mrs. M. W. Conner Jead. William Lucas colored, eightee years old, was badly cut on the face oday with a knife by James Williams colored, about eighteen years old. The ffair took place at Henry and Princess streats Lucas was taken in a carriage to the hospital and treated by Dr. George T. Klipstein and afterward left for his home.

Williams ran to St. Elmo and took a car for Washington, and later left for Baltimore.

Mrs. M. W. Connor Dead.

Mrs. Margaret W. Conner, sixty-B. Lindner, 818 King street. The de-Attorney General, the Postmaster Gen-eral and the Secretaries of State, War Conner. Several children survive her. wrapped in a bundle and placed in his conner. Several children survive her. Conner. Several children survive her. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

General Mention.

A minstrel performance will be given Monday and Tuesday evenings in the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall unier the direction of Tom Trodden of Washington. Employes of the city post office were

kept busy today dispatching and re-ceiving valentines. More of the card variety were exchanged this year than ever before, it is said. Arrangements have been completed by Alva Aerie, No. 871, Fraternal Order of Eagles, for the reception which will be tendered the Washington members

Scott, Mrs. John Franklin Little and Senator James Hamilton Lewis.

KENTUCKY CLUB PLANNED.

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Movement for Organization of Former Residents of State.

Washington is to have a Kentucky club. Plans for its organization are in the hands of Joseph E. Goodkey of the government printing office. Practically

The regular monthly meeting of the board of police commissioners will be held Wednesday night.

Ross T. Elliott has sold to Richard Murphy two building lots on the square bounded by Alfred, Patrick, Montgomery and Mandeville's lines.

Friendship Council, No. 22, Daughters of Liberty, will attend a George Washington birthday party February 23, given by Hope Council, No. 1, of Washington.

The Northern Virginia Live Stock and

Jesuit Educator Is Dead. KANSAS CITY, Mo., February 13.

Rev. Father Martin P. Dowling, for president of Creighton College.

URGES AMERICAS TO ASSERT RIGHTS

Pennsylvania Advocates International Conference.

TRADE NEUTRALIZATION **OBJECT OF SPEAKERS**

Pezet, Da Gama and Others Address Gathering at Republican Club in New York.

action on the part of the republication of the American continent to assert the rights of neutral trade in American cated by Dr. L. S. Rowe of the Univer 'America's Duty in the Present Cri-Republican Club here today. The speaker outlined a plan for

nternational conference of the republics of America, to supplement the work that is now being done by the governing board of the Pan-American Union. Dr. Rowe said such a conference should take up consideration of the neutralization of all inter-Amerthe neutralization of all inter-American commerce, irrespective of the nationality of the vessel, and the extension to all waters of this continent of the principle formulated by the United States, that hovering of belligerent vessels near the coast line of the United States for the purpose of molesting commerce would be regarded as a distinctly unfriendly act.

Should Go to Cape Horn.

said Dr. Rowe, "this principle should be made applicable from our Canadian

concerted action on the part of the re-publics of the American continent will be interpreted as unfriendly to any Federico Alfonso Pezet, minister fron Federico Alfonso Pezet, minister from Peru to the United States, answering the question "What can the United States do for South America?" said: "It can learn the tastes and needs of each of these twenty nations. Latin America will meet any effort of yours with wide-open arms. We will stand by you and with you. Once the United States shows it is the true friend of Latin America, it will stand by the United States in every emergency."

"Naive," Da Gama Says.

Domicio Da Gama, ambassador from Brazil, begged to be excused from dis-"such a naive subject" as reowever, to congratulate my col-agues from other South American rehowever, to congratulate my col-leagues from other South American re-publics for their courage and temerity in entering on this question.
"I want you to understand," he added, "that we in Washington recognize in the fullest degree, despite all questions of politics, the great qualities of the President in his effort to steer the ship of state in the right path at this crit-ical juncture."
In conclusion he proposed a toast to In conclusion he proposed a toast to the President, which was given with

cheers.

Dr. Don Gonzalo S. Cordova, minister from Ecuador, read a lengthy paper which argued the necessity of a merchant marine for the two Americas and an adequate. redit system.

WANTS NEUTRAL SAILORS. Germany Makes Request of U. S. as

Formal request by Germany to the

requested to man vessels l ferman ports with subjects of neutral countries occasioned little surprise in official circles here last night. This policy was believed to be a onel to the detention for several days Greenbrier after she delivered a cargo

of cotton at Bremen.

As neutral vessels may touch in enemy ports on return journeys the German military authorities are anxious to prevent natives of those countries from revealing military information to those with whom they are in sympathy.

Department Announcement.

The following announcement was ssued by the State Department last "The Department of State has b nformed by the imperial German amassador that his government deems it

of extreme importance to military in-terests that while this war lasts neu-tral merchant vessels visiting German ports be manned by subjects of neu-tral states only. The ambassador de-sires that this information be given to the American interests concerned." LOSES BIG ROLL OF MONEY.

Michael J. Whelan Reports About \$1,000 Missing From His Pockets. nine years old, died this afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louise \$900 and \$1,000 which Michael J. Whelan of 1117 Clifton street northwest northeast, shortly after 11 o'clock last

night. Mr. Whelan offered a reward for its

night, was missing when he reached

home, according to a report made to the police of the ninth precinct last

GOVERNORS ARE ELECTED. Members of University Club Hold Their Annual Meeting. new board of governors was elec-

ed by the members of the University Club at the annual meeting of that or ganization last night. Col. Myron M Parker, president of the club, and Olimembers chosen are Dr. D. W. Shea Henry H. Flather and Claude N. Bennett. A new admissions committe consisting of F. W. Brandenburg, Angelee Conti, Parker Van P. Dodge, H. R. Cox and Arthur McConville, also was elected. Officers of the club who will serve during the year will be selected at a meeting of the board of directors to be held durin gthe latter part of the ponth. Washington.

The Northern Virginia Live Stock and Poultry Association is considering the question of holding an exhibition here in the early fall.

Peace Advocates Imprisoned. BERLIN, February 13. - Report eaching here from Milan, Italy, say it is said there the Montenegrin government has imprisoned seven deputies at Cettinje, on account of their agita-tion for peace.

CLUBS TO GET RIFLES

Garrison Rescinds Order Issued Last Month.

Finding it a serious setback to the de-relopment of rifle clubs, Secretary Garri-ton has rescinded his order of last month prohibiting the sale of army rifles to

ational Rifle Association clubs Officials of the association reported that within the last six months membership in the clubs had increased to more than in the clubs had increased to more than 8,000 civilians, who are receiving voluntary training. The weapon supplied to these clubs is the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, formerly used in the army, but for which the modernized Springfield has been substituted. The discarded rifles are stored in government arsenals for the equipment of volunteers in time of war.

SAYS GERMAN LOSSES **WILL TOTAL 953,207**

NEW YORK, February 13.—Concerted Red Cross Assistant Tells of Terrible Fighting in Poland and East Prussia

NEW YORK, February 13 .- Capt. F. B. Nelson, an American who has b army, returned today on the Holland with stories of the terrible fighting b Russians were no match for the Germans, and that the battles in many slaughter of Russians, who were desert ng in thousands, and that the more were being taken prisoners.

Regarding the German war Capt. Nelson said that before he left Berlin a general casualty list was issued containing names of killed. ontained 953,207 names In Russian Poland, Capt. Nelson said,

"Through the concerted action of the the Germans demonstrated the inferiority of the Russian soldiers to such an extent that it seemed but mere mur der of Russians. He said the Germans erters from the Russian trenches Alleges Russian Atrocities.

Questioned concerning alleged atroc-

ties in the eastern fighting Cant.

witnessed were in East Prussia. with the tendons of their right arms cut by Russian soldiers so the boys would be useless for fighting." Capt. Nelson also spoke of an "eleo tric flash" that the Germans ing in East Prussia. It was used at It was fired like a field gun, but instead of throwing shell emitted a blinding long flash. This apparatus, he

of the German artillery, the Russia invariably firing at the electric flash, invariably firing at the electric flash, which was posted far away from any German troops.

About the fighting in the west Capt. Nelson said it was apparent that the Germans were not trying to make any headway there. They were content to hold their positions, he said, and gave it as his opinion that the allies would require approximately four men to the Germans' one before they could begin to make any success of their effort to drive out the Germans.

woods. It was used to cover the firing

WELL KNOWN WRITER DEAD

Mrs. James Newcomb Davis Suc-

cumbs After Long Illness. Mrs James Newcomb Davis wall of Washington for many years, died Friday afternoon at George Washingon University Hospital, following an iliness of several weeks. Funeral servces have not been arranged, friends

state, owing to the serious illness of

Mr. Davis.

Mrs. Davis was a native of Virginia and was a descendent of Chief Justice Marshall. She began her education in Washington in what was called a "play school," the forerunner of the kindergarten. Later she went to Mme, Buell's school, where one of her classmates was Nellie Grant.

Mrs. Davis was a prolific writer, contributing to newspapers and magazines under the name of Nannie G. Marshall Davis to the time of her death. She was a member of the Woman's National Press Association, the Southern Relief Society, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Esther Chapter of the Eastern Star, the District Federation of Woman's Clubs and many other organizations.

PEACE CENTENARY RITES. Services Will Be Held in 100.000

Churches in U. S. and Canada. NEW YORK, February 13 .- Tomorow, the Sunday nearest to the date of celebration services over the comple-United States and the British empire United States and the British empire will be held in nearly 100,000 places of worship in the United States and Canada, the American peace centenary committee announced tonight.

Exercises in the Sunday schools of the United States and Canada will also relate to the peace centenary.

DEATH COMES SUDDENLY. Mrs. Virginia Marshall Fatally Stricken While on Street, 4 44707 Mrs. Virginia Marshall, sixty-five rears old, of 921 F street northwest

was found in an unconscious conditi at the corner of 10th and F stre northwest early this morning by M. B. Mallan of 820 Connecticut avenue northwest. She was removed to Emergency Hospital, where she died in about five minutes.

Death is supposed to have been due to natural causes. The coroner will make an investigation.

SHOT AND ROBBED OF \$10,000 Colorado Man Killed While Carry-

ing Coal Company's Pay. WALSENBURG, Col., February 18. William Dick, an official of the Pinon Supply Company, was shot, killed and robbed by unknown persons late today near Laveta. He was carrying approx-imately \$10,000 in currency to pay the employes of the Oakdale Coal Com-

Dick was attacked while in his automobile five miles from Walsenburg, supposedly by two Mexicans, according to reports received here.

The robbers fied to the foothills after rifling the pockets of the slain man, but failed to find \$6,500 in currency locked in a compartment of the machine. They are being pursued by a posse.

To Speak on Socialism. James Hugh Keeley is to speak before

ne socialist meeting at 811 E street northwest this evening at 8:15 c on "Does Socialism Mean More De-mocracy?" Mr. Keeley, while not con-vinced that socialism does mean that, will try to get light on it from his au-dience. Admission will be free.